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ITEM NO: 3 DATE: 15 APR 74

SUBJECT: REPUBLIC OF CHINA AIR FORCE ALERT UNCONFIRMED

REF : FBIS TAIPEI, 14 APR 74, UNCLAS; UPI TAIPEI, 14 APR 74, UNCLAS

UPI HAS REPORTED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) AIR FORCE HAS BEEN PLACED ON ALERT. THE REPORT APPEARS BASED ON A TAIPEI DOMESTIC NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HIGH LEVEL ROC OFFICIALS, WHO MET ON APRIL 14 HAD ORDERED THAT PREPARATIONS BE MADE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF OUR SERVICES BETWEEN JAPAN AND TAIWAN BY JAPANESE AIRLINES AND CHINA AIR LINES. THE OFFICIALS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE ADVISING RESPONSIBLE UNITS OF THE TAIWAN FLIGHT INFORMATION AND AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONES TO PREPARE FOR THIS SUSPENSION.

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THERE IS NO INFORMATION THAT [redacted] ALL OF THIS HAS LED TO AN ALERT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON APRIL 14 PROBABLY WAS MEANT TO STRENGTHEN THE ROC'S HAND IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN ON THE AIR SERVICES ISSUE. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THE ROC INTENDS TO MAKE GOOD ON ITS THREAT TO CLOSE TAIWAN'S AIRSPACE TO JAPAN. E2 IMPDET[redacted]

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